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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 37] (preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]

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 Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
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 named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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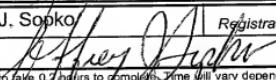
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Transmitted herewith for filing by other than a small entity is the patent application of:

Inventor: Makoto Takemoto; Katsuyuki Kawase; Tetsu Takase; and Jun Shibata.

For: "RELAY APPARATUS"

5 sheets of formal drawings are included.

An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. is included along with a Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please record and return the assignment to the undersigned.

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on the basis of the following foreign application: **Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-062228 filed on March 6, 2001.** A certified copy of this application is enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed. Copies of references cited in the specification are enclosed.

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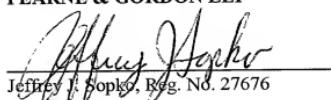
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